



Senator

**Stephen  
Johnson**

## Legislative Update

*For the people of the  
47th Legislative District*



### **Dear neighbors,**

The 2004 Legislative session in Olympia is well underway. Although the session is scheduled for only 60 days, many important issues are being discussed.

By the time you receive this, we will be approaching our first major cutoff date, February 17. This cutoff marks the day that legislative bills must be passed out from the house of origin.

Many of these bills are ones you may have questions and concerns about. Some of the legislation you've likely been hearing or reading about includes:

- Efforts to improve Washington's business climate and economy;
- Work to reform the state's medical malpractice and tort system;
- Replacement of our state's unconstitutional blanket primary;
- Renewal of certain high-tech and rural tax exemptions for businesses;
- Creation of new education policy regarding the 10th grade WASL test and school choice for parents;
- Continued efforts to fund transportation projects in the Puget Sound region.

As you likely have many comments, questions and concerns regarding these issues, I'd like to invite you to a town hall meeting on Saturday, Feb. 21. Full details on the event are included in this newsletter. It's a chance for you to come and ask me questions about the issues in Olympia, and to have your voice heard.

I hope many of you will choose to attend this town hall meeting. The backbone of representative democracy involves listening to constituents and this meeting will help me to better serve you in Olympia.

If you have questions about this event, please don't hesitate to contact my office in Olympia. It continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve the 47th District.

Sincerely,

A blue ink cursive signature of Stephen Johnson.

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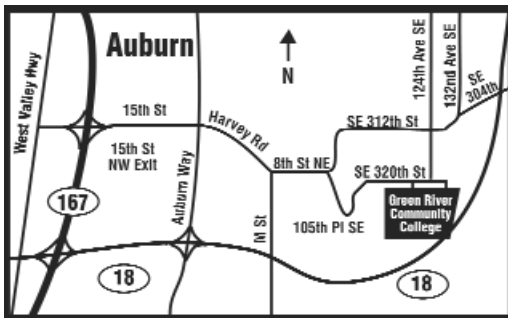
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### Town Hall Meeting

February 21, 2004, 10 a.m.–Noon  
Green River Community College,  
Lindbloom Student Center,  
Glacier Room

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**You're Invited!**

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#### From Highway 167

1. Take the 15th St NW exit off Highway 167 and go east.
2. At the intersection of Auburn Way N, 15th St becomes Harvey Rd and angles to the right (south). Stay on Harvey Rd until it intersects with 8th St NE.
3. Turn left (east) on 8th St NE. It crosses the Green River and becomes Lea Hill Rd, which then becomes SE 312th St.
4. Turn right (south) onto 124th Ave SE.
5. Turn left (east) onto SE 320th St for the main campus entrance.

#### From Highway 18

1. Take Highway 18 east through Auburn.
2. About three miles past Auburn, take the 304th St exit.
3. Turn right on 304th St, cross over Highway 18, and follow the arterial through the first traffic light as the road changes from 304th St to 132nd Ave to SE 312th St.
4. Turn left at the intersection with 124th Ave SE and follow to the main campus entrance, 12401 SE 320th St.

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